



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
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**CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY DAYS  
WORKING AGENDA**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2009**

- 9:00 a.m. Registration Opens
- 10:30 a.m. Welcome and Opening Remarks – Joetta Yarbro, Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth
- 10:40 a.m. Challenge to Participants
- 11:00 a.m. Advocacy 101 and Legislative Update - Linda O'Neal, TCCY Executive Director
- 11:25 a.m. Foster Care Alumni of America – Tennessee Chapter
- 11:30 a.m. Luncheon and Advocacy Opportunities  
-Connect with your TCCY Regional Coordinator and Visit with your Legislators  
-State Capitol Tours  
-Visit Co-Sponsor Booths  
-Network with Other Children's Advocates from Across the State
- 1:00 p.m. **RECONVENE**
- 1:05 p.m. Bruce Leslie, First Focus, President
- 2:00 p.m. Youth Highlight
- 2:15 p.m. Break
- 2:30 p.m. State Child Serving Department Updates – Moderated by Sue Laskey, WLJT, Martin, TN
- 3:30 p.m. Break
- 3:45 p.m. Generational Issues – Do They Really Matter – Dr. Steve Joiner, David Lipscomb University
- 4:45 p.m. Presentation of Awards  
The Jim Pryor Child Advocacy Award  
Youth Excellence Award  
Making KIDS Count Media Awards  
Recognition of Commission Member Service
- 5:00 p.m. Closing Remarks and Adjourn
- 5:15 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. **LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION** – War Memorial Auditorium Lobby  
Open to ALL Children's Advocacy Days Participants

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2009**

- 7:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast and Networking
- 8:00 a.m. Reconvene and Opening Remarks - Cindy Durham, TCCY Chair
- 8:00 a.m. Youth Highlight
- 8:15 a.m. Fostering Success – Gary Stangler, Jim Casey Youth Opportunities Initiative, Executive Director
- 9:00 a.m. State Child Serving Department Updates – Moderated by Nick Beres, WTVF, Nashville
- 10:00 a.m. Break
- 10:15 a.m. *Urban Assault: Escape from Poverty* – Video and Panel
- 11:30 a.m. Council on Children’s Mental Health Update – Commissioner Virginia T. Betts  
Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities
- 11:45 a.m. Closing Remarks
- 12:00 p.m. Adjourn and Advocacy Opportunities  
Visits with Legislators and Networking with other Councils  
House of Representatives Floor Session  
Senate Floor Session  
Guided Tour of the Tennessee State Museum